

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 14-16, 18, 19 and 21-24 are pending. Claims 2, 12, 14, 17 and 20 have been cancelled. By this Response, claims 1, 19, 22, 23 and 24 have been amended. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that the features of claim 20 contain allowable subject matter, specifically the feature of the foam being disposed directly onto of the heat sink. Applicant notes that claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 20 and its intervening claims. Further, independent claims 23 and 24 have been amended to include the features of claim 20 and the pertinent features of the intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that based on the amendments to the independent claims to include the allowable subject matter, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 10-12, 14, 16-19 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clupper, et al. (US 6,309,742) in view of Allen, et al. (US 6,410,847) and Anagnos (US 6,252,159); claims 7 – 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clupper,, Allen, Anagnos and King, et al. (US 5,763,824); and claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clupper, Allen, Anagnos and Yee (US 6,113,425). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As noted above, applicant has amended the independent claims to include the allowable subject matter. Therefore, the rejections of the claims are now moot. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-11, 14-16, 18, 19 and 21-24 are distinguishable over the cited art. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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